

The Jacksonville Beach Interoperability P-25 Compliant Radio System is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because upgrading Jacksonville Beach's law enforcement public safety communications to a digital system will enable the local law enforcement to better communicate in case of natural disasters and emergencies.

This project is eligible for federal funding under the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services—Law Enforcement Technology Account.

#### HELPING ACTIVE DUTY DEPLOYED ACT OF 2009

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 to help the brave men and women in our armed forces as they prepare for deployment or change of station. The Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 (HADD Act), would relieve military personnel who are deploying or changing station from onerous penalties that they currently incur for early termination of private contracts. It is unconscionable that the members of our armed forces who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom are charged early termination penalties when facing deployment or change of station.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for a cell phone company to charge an early termination penalty to members of the military facing deployment or change of station. The 110th Congress provided that cellular telephone service entered into solely by the military member was not subject to an early termination penalty should the member receive change of station orders. However, many military members with families have more affordable family plans, and can still be charged early termination penalties. They are faced with two unpalatable options—continue to pay for a family plan they are no longer able to use, or pay an early termination penalty.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for a landlord to charge an early termination penalty to members of the military facing deployment or change of station. Although the current Servicemember Civil Relief Act permits members to legally terminate a residential lease, it does not exempt them from early termination penalties. Conversely, existing law expressly prohibits early termination penalties for terminating a motor vehicle lease.

The HADD Act will make it illegal for institutions of higher education to retain the unused portion of tuition a member of the military was forced to forgo due to deployment or change of station. Military personnel should receive a tuition refund if they are deployed mid-semester. The 110th Congress passed the expanded GI Bill, expressing its support for our veterans. I cannot believe that we would implicitly discourage their education during their years of service for fear that their tuition expenses may be lost if they are called upon to actively serve their country. The HADD Act will fix this disparity.

Madam Speaker, the HADD Act has the endorsement of the Iraq and Afghanistan Vet-

erans of America and I will introduce a copy of their letter into the record. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting our men and women in uniform, and outlaw the practice of penalizing our military for their service to our country.

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF  
AMERICAN HADD ACT LETTER OF SUPPORT  
(By Patrick Campbell)

MAY 8, 2009.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY,  
*Cannon House Office Building, Washington,  
DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN CONNOLLY: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) is proud to offer our support for the Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009 (HADD). The Servicemember Civil Relief Act must continue to be modernized to ensure that our men and women in uniform are focusing on their missions overseas and not bureaucratic morass back at home. Over 500,000 National Guard and Reservists have been deployed since 9/11 and nearly 1/5th of those are currently enrolled in college. Without federal protections these servicemembers who are deployed mid academic term face a patchwork of refund procedures which are confusing and inconsistent. HADD will require colleges to refund tuition paid by the servicemember for courses they could not complete due to a deployment. This legislation will also allow servicemembers who have cell phone contracts on a family plan to suspend their service while they are overseas. While I was in Iraq, I was required to pay a monthly fee to my cell phone provider in order to keep my cell phone contract current. I spent five hours of my first day back from Iraq in a Cingular Wireless store just trying to get my service restored. It took me over 7 months for the whole issue to get resolved and required filing a complaint to the FCC and switching service providers.

If we can be of help in securing passage of this bill, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

PATRICK CAMPBELL,  
*Chief Legislative Counsel.*

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN BRADY, Texas 8th Congressional District

Bill Number: H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project: Sam Houston State University Regional Crime Lab

Account: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Requesting Entity: Sam Houston State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1803 Avenue I, Huntsville, TX 77341

Law enforcement agencies in rural communities experience long waits and backlogs

when requesting services from major cities like Houston. This request allows Sam Houston State University—one of the nation's foremost criminal justice universities—to use its expertise in forensic science to begin operations of the Regional Crime Laboratory started with funding I previously secured. This lab will provide important forensics services to local law enforcement such as identification of controlled substances, toxicology screening and finger print matching. The lab will be able to service communities in a 75-mile wide area.

The \$1,000,000 included in this bill for this project will be allocated to staff the SHSU Regional Crime Lab and make it operational for serving regional law enforcement agencies. Specific budget items include: capital outlays (54%); salaries and benefits for laboratory staff (37%); lab supplies (8%); and sub-contracts for staff training (1%).

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 15, 2009*

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Prosecuting Attorney, Elkhart County

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 South Main Street Suite 100; Elkhart, IN 46516

Description of Request: Elkhart County is the eye of the storm for the Midwest when it comes to methamphetamine. Federal financial assistance on this project will allow Elkhart County to advance a protocol to effectively address Mexican cartels and local meth lab manufacturers that can be used as a model for Any Town, U.S.A. By reducing and/or eliminating organized criminal drug enterprises, confidence in the wellbeing of the community can be restored.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: DOJ, COPS

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fort Wayne

Address of Requesting Entity: One Main Street; Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Description of Request: As part of its initiative to identify and apprehend criminal suspects, the City of Fort Wayne will obtain and operate an Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for Latent Palm Prints. This new equipment will allow the Fort Wayne Police Department to increase its ability to apprehend criminals and reduce the amount of time officers must spend in investigating crime scenes, testifying in court and filing police reports. Data gathered from around the country has shown that by adding palm print identification capabilities to an AFIS results in immediate positive identification of criminal suspects in 25% of cases. Better, more efficient identification methods will lead to more captures